(x) Induction of advanced and cost effective technologies.

(c) and (d) No such proposal is under consideration of the Government.

3036. [*Withdrawn*]

Tampering of Seal in LPG Cylinders

3037. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that in Delhi a large scale theft of gas from the LPG cylinders takes place by tampering its seal before delivering it to the consumers;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government to control the meance;

(c) whether Government would introduce a new fool proof seal system instead of present seal in the cylinders, which is tamper prone, so as to avoid further tampering by the agencies/suppliers and ensuring the prescribed quantity of LPG is supplied to the consumers; and

(d) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) and (b) No case of large scale theft of gas from the LPG cylinders by tampering of seals before delivery has been reported by Public Sector Oil Companies with regard to their LPG distributors in Delhi. However, regular check of the LPG distributors is carried out by Officers of the Oil Companies at different levels. If any distributor is found indulging in any malpractice/irregularity, action is initiated against such distributor for the established malpractice/irregularity, depending upon its nature, as per the Agreement etc.

(c) & (d) The improvement in sealing of LPG cylinders is a continuous process and oil companies take necessary steps for the further development of the sealing equipment in their research centers from time to time.